

## IT IS DENIED.

Officials Say No Agreement Reached.

## NO RECENT PROGRESS MADE.

Views of Spanish Consul and Press in London.

## AN IMPORTANT BATTLE REPORTED.

Washington, Dec. 30.—From official sources a denial is made of the report that the Spanish Premier, at Paris, has sent Secretary Olney a communication accepting the mediation of the United States in carrying out a plan of autonomy for Cuba. It is said that no such letter has been sent, nor has anything in that nature passed through the Spanish officials here.

Negotiations toward home rule have proceeded for some months, and the last phase of these negotiations indicated an enlargement of the home rule laws adopted by the Spanish Cortes last year, but not put into execution. These enlargements, as exclusively announced by the Associated Press, embrace the election of the entire Cuban congress, instead of a mixed congress of fifteen elected members and fifteen appointed by the Queen Regent, and also a complete control by Cuba of her tariff.

The latest statement regarding Spain's intentions with respect to the pacification of Cuba therefore deals with a past phase of them. Spain having decided on a considerably more liberal scheme of reforms than the old one to which the latest publication on the Cuban subject has referred. As yet, however, the negotiations with respect to the enlarged reforms are tentative. A draft of them has not been received in Washington thus far and the information on them is of a general nature.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—An emphatic denial is given here to the report credited to the Washington Post that Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish Minister at Washington, and Mr. Olney have concluded negotiations for the acceptance by Spain of the good offices of the United States in the settlement of the Cuban insurrection.

As Viewed in London.  
London, Dec. 29.—The Consul General of Spain in this city said: "The statements made by the Washington Post" are most important, and if true, cannot but improve the commerce between Cuba and the United States."  
The daily "News" Paris correspondent says: "It is quite clear that Spain is negotiating with Mr. Olney, but the Castilian pride compels the government to negotiate in an underhand way. They cannot help trying to arrive at a private understanding with the United States, for the proceeds of the recent loan are nearly exhausted, and Capt. Gen. Weyler's apparent inaction has checked the buoyancy which followed Maceo's death."

## A LETTER FROM MILLS.

Urges His Friends in Texas to Keep up the Fight for Cuba.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 30.—United States Senator R. Q. Mills, writing to a friend in this city, says: "It is gratifying to me to see your heart and soul in the noble work of trying to rescue a people whom we have been holding under the feet of Spanish despotism too long. Keep up the fight. We must keep up the fight until we get a president and congress who will stand by American honor, American principles and American interests. I hope our legislature, soon to meet, will speak out for the liberation of Cuba."

## ANOTHER BATTLE.

The Spaniards, as Usual, Make Big Claims.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—The details have been received here of a big battle with the insurgents near Manilla, in which five hundred Cubans were slain. The Spanish loss was small. The news of this great victory has caused great rejoicing. It is confidently believed here that the Cubans can never recover from the loss of Maceo, and the end of the insurrection is thought to be near.

## Daring Criminal Captured.

Central City, Ky., Dec. 30.—Geo. Arrington, the daring criminal who jumped from a rapidly moving Illinois Central train last Sunday, and made his escape from Deputy Marshal Elliott, while on his way to Columbus, this state, was this morning captured in a badly crippled condition at Livermore.

## Dangers of American Naturalization.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 28.—Gov. Rickards has been notified by the state department that John Ginzberg, a naturalized citizen of Montana, has been convicted in Russia of the crime of changing his nationality without the consent of the imperial government and sentenced to banishment. As Ginzberg has no money to get out of Russia he will be sent to Siberia, writes Secretary Olney, unless funds are provided. Gov. Rickards says he can do nothing in the case. Ginzberg lived in the northern part of the state for years, and went to Russia to

claim a fortune which did not materialize.

## A MOUNTAIN KILLING.

A Whittaker Meets a Well Merited Death.

Hazard, Ky., Dec. 30.—Lorenzo Combs shot and killed a member of a gang of whitecaps Tuesday night. A son of Combs was slightly injured in the fight. The whitecaps attacked Combs at his home. Combs is a relative of the late Judge Combs, for whose murder Adkins is now being tried at Barterville, and it is thought that the whitecaps were friends of the French side of the old feud. Combs is commended here for defending himself.

## INDIGNATION.

Greatly Aroused Over the Killing of John Rippey.

Thought to Have Been Nothing Less Than a Cowardly Murder.

Salem, Ind., Dec. 30.—There is great indignation here over the killing of John Rippey last night by John Sexton and John Brown, of the Louisville police force. The jail where the two officers are confined is guarded by an extra force of guards from Louisville. Much lynching talk is being indulged in, as the killing is claimed to have been entirely unnecessary.

Rippey was working on a farm about three miles from this town. The two officers were looking for Harry Brooks, one of the men who escaped from the Louisville jail October 25. It is claimed by the officers that Rippey, who evidently took them to be robbers, was in the act of firing on them when they shot first and killed him. The officers had surrounded the house where Rippey was staying, thinking Brooks was inside. But Rippey took them for robbers.

The town is greatly excited and there may be serious trouble.

## ELECTED BY 1600.

The Tennessee Republicans Claim This For Tillman.

The Contest Will be Pushed and Will Delay the Inauguration.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Half a dozen leading Republicans read before the city tonight in anticipation of tomorrow's meeting of the Republican State Executive committee, which was called to consider the evidence secured with a view to contesting the gubernatorial election. None of them will make any positive statement as to what will be done, but there is but little doubt that they will decide to enter the contest. All agree that there will be a contest if the evidence of fraud is sufficient to justify it, and then, when asked if there was any fraud, state that they have discovered more than enough to change the result.

All the evidence secured has been turned over to the committee in charge and the facts summarized. It is claimed that incontestable evidence shows a plurality for Tillman of over 1,600, while fraud of a general character has been discovered in many counties.

The contest will delay the inauguration at least two months.

## MARKETS.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—May wheat opened at 84¢ 3/4, its highest point was 84 1/2¢ and closed at 82-3/4¢.

May corn opened at 25 1/2¢ and closed at 25 1/2¢.

May oats opened at 20 1/2¢, and closed at 19 1/2¢.

January pork opened at \$7.50 and closed at \$7.50.

January lard opened at \$3.77 and closed at \$3.77-80.

Jan. ribs opened at \$3.72 and closed at \$3.77.

March cotton opened at \$6.98 and closed at \$6.98.

Jan. cotton opened at \$6.84 and closed at \$6.84.

Clearances of wheat and flour for today are 250,000 bushels.

## A BELATED BET.

Mr. J. T. Perrine Pays a Kentucky Wager.

The latest election bet to be paid was fully obligated this afternoon at 1:30 on Broadway. Mr. J. T. Perrine, of the Zenut company, bet that Bryan would carry Kentucky, and Mr. Abe Livingston bet that he wouldn't.

As a result, this afternoon Mr. Perrine showed Mr. Livingston from Second and Broadway to Third and Broadway, in a wheelbarrow on a sack of peanuts. Mr. Livingston carried a big placard bearing numerous inscriptions, and the sight evoked considerable merriment. Both were in such a ludicrous situation that few people knew which was paying the wager.

## GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Gillease Will Probably Pass Through Today.

Assistant General Manager M. Gillease, of this division of the L. C., will likely pass through the city this afternoon enroute from Memphis to Louisville. He was in Fulton today.

## INVESTIGATING.

Is the Grand Jury in the Matter of the Holt Lynching.

## WHAT PROGRESS NOT KNOWN.

Requests Have Poured in Upon Governor Bradley and He Has Offered

## \$250 REWARD FOR THE OFFENDERS.

Owensboro, Dec. 30.—The grand jury is quietly at work on the Holt lynching case, but no announcement has been made of the result of its investigations.

Commonwealth's Attorney Rowe continues to devote himself diligently to the task of ferreting out the guilty parties, but has made no public announcement of his progress in the matter.

It is a difficult case to handle, as all such cases generally are, on account of the evasiveness of witnesses and the absence of positive evidence. The grand jury will remain in session until the case is thoroughly investigated.

No announcement of the results of the investigation are expected for several days.

It is reported that a city official found this notice posted on his gate post this morning:

"You are supposed to be a member of the mob and your life is in danger, and you better look out."

"CONFIDENT."

The notice was written on a piece of note paper with the word "Fountain" embossed in one corner.

## A PROCLAMATION ISSUED.

Offering Rewards for the Participants in the Holt Lynching.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30.—While there is no great hurry being made, it is nevertheless a fact that communication between the governor and the authorities of the counties where the recent lynchings have taken place have been going on for several days. The requests upon which the governor waited before offering the rewards that he was evidently anxious to offer have begun to come in at last and in proper form. Tuesday he issued a proclamation, which was not intended to be made public, and in which he offers \$250 reward for the arrest and conviction of any or all of those who were concerned in the lynching of the negro Holt on the morning of December 26.

The request for these rewards came through Circuit Judge Owen, whose charge to the grand jury at Owensboro today is attracting marked attention.

It is said that rewards have been, or will be, offered for the participants in the Graves county and Russellville mobs as well.

## PASSED AWAY.

Mr. R. C. White Died at Nine O'clock in the Afternoon.

Had Been Ill For Nearly a Year.—Was a Good Citizen.

Mr. R. C. White, aged 64, senior member of the commission firm of White & Flournoy, died at 9 o'clock last night at his residence, corner of Eighth and Clay, after a year's illness from a paralytic stroke. About twelve months since he was prostrated by an attack of paralysis, but gradually became better until he could attend to business.

About three months since, however, he became worse, and had other attacks, finally succumbing. The deceased came to Paducah about 1870, and was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens.

He was a Virginian by birth, but at one time lived in Mississippi. He formerly owned a grocery.

The deceased was a member of the Broadway M. E. church and of Plain City Lodge of Masons. He was honorable and upright and had a great many friends here. He leaves besides a wife, two sons, Robert and Hugh White and four daughters: Mrs. George Irvan, Mrs. C. S. Johnson, Mrs. M. W. Johnson and Miss Katie White.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but the burial will likely take place tomorrow.

## MR. GILBERT RESIGNS.

Mr. Jim Foster Appointed Assistant Postmaster.

Assistant Postmaster Frank Gilbert today resigned his position and Postmaster Clark appointed Mr. Jas. Foster to succeed him.

Mr. Foster took charge this morning, and is familiar with the duties, having been under instructions in the office for several weeks.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Clerk Graham today issued a marriage license to Mr. J. A. Schmidt and Miss Lulu Straub, of the Florence Station neighborhood. The wedding will take place tomorrow night at the residence of the bride.

James McKnight and Nancy Roach, colored, were also licensed to marry.

## NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

There is No Epidemic of Diphtheria in Paducah.

There seems to be considerable apprehension among some people relative to an epidemic of diphtheria in Paducah.

There is no epidemic in Paducah, and no danger of one, according to the doctors.

There are but two or three cases in the city, and these are convalescent. Several suspected cases are reported, but as yet they are not fully developed.

There is believed to be no danger by the doctors.

## CITY COURT.

The Usual Grist of Petty Misdemeanors.

Judge Sanders Distributes Fines at From \$1 to \$10 and Costs.

Judge Sanders held court this morning at 8 o'clock instead of 9, having other prospective business on hand.

Tom Tisdale, the young railroad worker charged with striking Conductor O'Mera over the head with a chair, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

Barbara Newton was tried for using insulting language towards her husband, Lou Newton, and acquitted.

Lou Newton was then fined \$10 and costs for using insulting language towards her. This is the mulatto girl who in years past has won considerable fame as Barbara Rankin. This is the first trouble she has had with her husband since they were married. Her father, who lives in Lyon county, is quite wealthy, and she recently came into possession of \$1500, which she invested in a home, getting married and settling down, apparently to lead a different life. It appears that her latest efforts have become irksome and she cannot overcome her erstwhile habits.

Frauk Ross was fined \$1 for drunkenness.

Taylor Murphy was in the city this morning to get a warrant against Wm. Valentine, the man arrested for stealing geese. It appears that he has been doing his pilfering on the wholesale plan, and a large number of geese that he has sold in the city have been found and identified by the rightful owners. A great many of the police believe that Valentine was in with the other two men, Scott and McGraw, who were held over for stealing turkeys a day or two ago.

This morning William Cates, of Rowlandtown, swore out a warrant against two mulatto girls named Pfeffer for using abusive language towards his children, charging that the girls, dressed themselves. They will be given a hearing tomorrow.

City Marshal Collins went to Cairo this morning on business of a private nature, which he declined to reveal to any one. It is believed that he is at work on some mystery with a good reward in sight.

Judge Sanders did not go out to take the deposition of Mr. Robt. Hughes, who is reported as being hopelessly ill, this morning, as he intended. Mr. Hughes is the venerable father of Mr. John Hughes and Mrs. Joe Miller of the city, and his condition was reported as being such that no deposition could be taken, hence Judge Sanders did not go out.

## FOUND AT LAST.

Relatives of Rev. Alonzo Moore, Colored, Find Him.

He Died in the City Hospital Here and Was Buried in Potters' Field.

The remains of Rev. Alonzo Moore, an old colored preacher who died of consumption at the city hospital several months since, and were buried at the county graveyard, were exhumed by Undertaker Chas. Roth yesterday afternoon and today shipped to his relatives in Pineknay, Ky., on the steamer Butterfield. The old man died here unknown and unwept, but seems to have been quite a prominent man among his people.

## "BROKE" THE CALF.

Who Did a Little Breaking Himself, From Accounts.

Two young men of the West End had had considerable expensive fun a few days ago. They are mere boys, and one concluded to "break" his father's Jersey calf. His father is somewhat a race horse admirer, has a few blooded animals, and a fine \$35 set of harness to go with each one.

The boys took down one set, no doubt concluding that the "old gent" had too many anyhow, cut it down to fit the calf, and "broke" a new cart from the stable. The calf was coerced into the harness and the young men got aboard and turned him into the commons. The bovine seems to have been the only thing that came out of the causing confusion whole. The cart was hiked up as kindling wood and the boys got lost early in the skulld. The calf wasn't able to get back home for a day or two, and when he did he wasn't recognized. The seats of the boys' pants are now in mourning.

## JACK THE KISSER.

Creed of Ignorance and Great Ignorance at Newport.

## EVETT'S HOTEL ASSIGNS.

Owensboro Murderer Gets Twenty-one Years in the Penitentiary.

## ALLISON FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

Newport, Ky., Dec. 30.—A veritable Jack the kisser is operating in this town. Already several of the young ladies of this town have been held up. There is great indignation over his actions. The police force are at work, but as yet have no clue.

## TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

A Heavy Sentence Given an Owensboro Murderer.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 30.—Henry Mangum, a negro, was today sentenced to twenty-one years in the penitentiary for the murder of Zach Johnson, a negro boy, on the night of Dec. 18 in an alley in this city. The trial lasted only two days.

## A STRAIGHT TIP.

This Time It is Sure That Allison Is the Man.

Washington, Dec. 30.—It is now believed to be a certainty that Senator Allison can be Secretary of State if he will accept.

## A HOTEL FAILS.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Everett Hotel made an assignment today for the benefit of its creditors. It is thought that the hotel will continue to be run.

## BUSINESS CHANGE.

Druggists Gilson & McPherson Dissolve Partnership.

This morning Messrs. Ed. H. Gilson and W. H. McPherson, the well-known druggists, dissolved partnership, the firm becoming "Ed. H. Gilson," Dr. McPherson retiring.

Dr. Gilson will hereafter conduct the business alone, and Dr. McPherson has not yet given out what he will do.

The firm has been one of the most popular in the city, and both young men have many friends, who will continue to wish them success.

## FIVE ARE OUT.

Jailer Miller's Flock is Slightly Defected.

Jailer Miller lost several boarders today, for six prisoners completed terms in the county jail today for petty larceny.

George Watson, George Lewis, Clayburn Cawhorn, Chas. Marshall and Chas. Woodson, colored, were released, but Bud Scott, who was sentenced for stealing wheat, will be held for stealing a horse from a man living near Maxon's Mills.

## MARRIED LAST NIGHT.

Miss Mary Wirth and Mr. Geo. Andrecht United.

Miss Mary Wirth, of West Broadway, and Mr. George Andrecht, a well known young harness maker of the city, were united in marriage last night at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride, at Broadway and Sixteenth street, Rev. Breuckner, of the Lutheran church, officiating.

The couple left at 8 o'clock this morning for a short bridal trip.

## FOR OBSTRUCTION.

Officer Frank Harlan this afternoon served warrants on Covington Bros. and the proprietor of Neph's Ark for obstructing the sidewalks with goods boxes.

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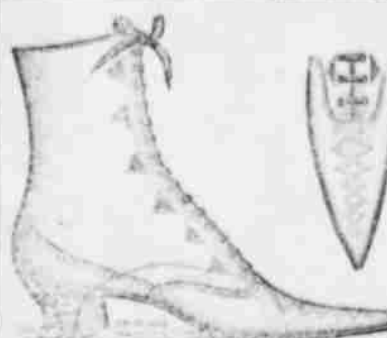
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CHILDREN'S SHOES

\$1.50 ..... worth \$1.75  
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